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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, Applicants request clarification as to the following matters:

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action Summary makes no mention of the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicants. Included with this Request is a copy of the IDS filed by Applicants (with Form PTO-1449), and a copy of the return postcard showing receipt of the IDS by the USPTO on February 18, 2004. This IDS is not listed in the File History available in PAIR.

It is requested that the IDS filed by Applicants be entered as of February 18, 2004 and that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

The Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as

being unpatentable over Moore (U.S. Patent No. 2,515,887) in view of Volkert et al. No patent number is provided for the Volkert et al. reference and none of the cited references listed on Form PTO-892 have "Volkert" as an inventor.

Thus, Applicants request that the secondary reference be identified and the Office Action response date be reset.

Respectfully submitted,



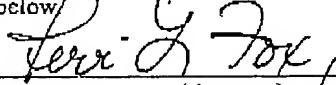
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of published prior art which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

4,817,905	Apr. 4, 1989	Rondone
4,965,946	Oct. 30, 1990	Hegedus et al.
5,458,242	Oct. 17, 1995	Baka et al.
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5,950,341 Sep. 14, 1999 Cross
5,993,928 Nov. 30, 1999 Popat
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6,220,555 Apr. 24, 2001 Chase
6,294,237 Sep. 25, 2001 Popat
6,631,839 Oct. 14, 2003 Shair
2002/0158116 Oct. 31, 2002 Shair

Foreign Patent Documents - No., Date, Country

None

Publications - Author, Title, Date, Pages, Place

None

The relevance of the U.S. Patent Nos. 4,817,905, 5,485,242, 6,294,237 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The relevance of the U.S. Patent No. 6,631,839 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 2. The U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0158116 is the published application for the U.S. Patent No. 6,631,839. The remaining above-mentioned references relate in general to printable paper products.

A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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